THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Cellular Jail at Port Blair in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is not a centrally protected monument. Some portion of the Cellular Jail was damaged due to Tsunami in 2004 and Andaman and Nicobar Administration requested ASI's advice for repairing the damage caused to the structure, which was tendered by the Chennai Circle of ASI. The necessary work was carried out by the Public Works Department of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Uniform service rules in research organisations

4176. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various research organisations under her Ministry have different access/service rules for scholars;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is planning to have uniform rules for all such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excavation work around Nalanda University

4177. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to undertake further excavation work around Nalanda Archaeological remains;

(b) if so, what are the details of the area where this work is proposed to be carried out;

(c) whether villagers located in this area would be relocated or shifted;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) by when the further excavation work will start?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Aid to voluntary organisations is Assam

4178. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations in Assam those got sanction/grants-in-aid by the Ministry during the last three years;

(b) whether Bhabendra Nath Saikia Children Welfare Trust has been provided with Rs. 15.0 lakhs of building grant from such scheme;

(c) whether Government has stopped payment of further installment after first one of Rs. 4.50 lakhs; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?